

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully submits this Amendment And Request For Reconsideration in response to the Office Action of 09 November 2007 for the above-referenced patent application.

In the present Amendment, the Applicant amends claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 15, 17-20, and 22-24 and adds new claims 29-31; no claims have been canceled. As required by 35 U.S.C. § 132, no new matter has been added by such amendments and new claims. The amendments made to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application as amended.

In the Office Action mailed on 09 November 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jin (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0084888A1). In addition, the Examiner rejected dependent claims 9, 19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Jin in view of Minborg (U.S. Patent No. 6,977,909). In response, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections and submits that all pending claims as amended are allowable over the prior art for at least the following reasons.

In order for claims to be properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a), the prior art in combination must teach or suggest each and every limitation of the claims. A single prior art reference anticipates a patent claim if it expressly or inherently describes each and every limitation set forth in the patent claim. Trintec Indus. Inc. v. Top-U.S.A. Corp., 63 USPQ2d 1597, 1599 (Fed. Cir. 2002). In the present case, the prior art relied upon by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest each and every limitation of the claims.

In general, the prior art in combination fail to teach or suggest an *automatic mobile station grouping* of different information items from *different* files into a *same* central file or message. In the primary reference utilized in the claim rejections (i.e. the

Jin reference), different information items are inserted *by the user* in a manual fashion at the same time via the *same* application and file, for use in an SMS message.

More particularly, what is described in the Jin reference is a system for sending and receiving personal information using a mobile terminal. A personal information is sent using a short message service with an attached identification information. This involves setting the mobile terminal to a personal information sending mode, and inputting personal information data by the user for transmission. Thus, the Jin reference requires the user to manually enter the multiple user information items through a single application for storage.

Such conventional technique may be viewed in contrast to techniques of the present disclosure, where a processor of a mobile station is adapted to provide an “automatic” grouping of data items from already-existing, disparate files and locations, and store such items in the same central user information file or message (e.g. see claims 1-22). The present techniques take advantage of the fact that user-specific information items are already present and stored in the mobile station in different files and applications, and therefore require no excessive data inputting by the user to achieve the desired results. If any user-specific information is changed by the user (e.g. when a new or updated e-mail address of the user is provided) (e.g. see claims 23-31), the inventive techniques automatically update the user information item(s) from the existing files/application(s) into the central user information file or message.

Using techniques of the prior art, if any user-specific information needed to be changed (e.g. when a new or updated e-mail address of the user is provided), the user would have to manually change the central file in addition to changing his/her email account information in the e-mail communication application. According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, however, the user would merely need to change his/her e-mail account information in the e-mail communication application – thereafter, the inventive technique would automatically update the user information item(s) from the existing files/application(s) which includes the e-mail communication application.

Thus, according to the present techniques, methods and apparatus for use in *automatically* grouping user-specific information items are provided in a mobile station. A processor of the mobile station is adapted to automatically group user-specific information items in response to identifying a trigger signal. The automatic grouping of user-specific information items involves the following acts. A first user-specific information item is read from a first file of the mobile station, and the first user-specific information item is stored in a central user information file or a message of the mobile station. The acts of reading and storing are then repeated for at least a second user-specific information item from a second file of the mobile station, so that the first and the second user-specific information items are grouped together as user information in the central user information file or the message of the mobile station.

Thus, as the prior art relied upon by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest an automatic grouping of user-specific information items by a processor of a mobile station in response to a trigger signal, as carried out in the specifically-recited acts, the rejections should be withdrawn and the claims allowed. Other reasons for allowability of both the independent and dependent claims are apparent to those skilled in the art, but are not detailed herein due to the already-indicated reasons for allowability.

Based on the reasons presented herein, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of the claims. The Applicants submit that the application as amended is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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